

REMARKS


By the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 3 and 4 have been amended to eliminate all multiple dependency and new claims 5-8 have been added so that the original scope of the claims has been preserved. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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